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In re Application of:

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MODIFICATION OF COLOR
VALUES IN PAGE DESCRIPTION
FILES

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Request for Reconsideration

The Office Action dated May 31, 2006 has been received and reviewed by the applicant. Claims 1-27, 29-33, 35-39 and 41-50 are in the application. Claims 1-27, 29-33, 35-39, and 41-50 stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

By way of background, when a page description file is to be applied to an output device such as a display or printer, the file is first converted to a bitmapped pixel image by a raster image processor (RIP). It is often desirable to modify color values within the page description file before the file is presented to the RIP so that device-dependent color deviations are compensated for and the output device accurately reproduces the image.

However, the content of a page description file is not conducive to color modification because of the presence of implicit color commands. When color values within a page description file are defined by implicit color commands, the color values are not accurately modifiable. On the other hand, explicit color values may be accuracy modified to provide enhanced color fidelity.